a royalty at sixty-one rupees with effect from 1-4-1981 per metric tonne of crude oil and casing-head condensate and at ten percent of the value at well-head of natural gas obtained by the leassee;

State Government of Gujarat have not paid any royalty on natural gas extracted from its oilfields.

No royalty is payable to Maharashtra State in view of the rules quoted above.

Replacement of Diesel generation in Arunachal Pradesh

2782. SHRIMATI OMEM MOYONG DEORI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what expenditure has been incurred during each of the last three financial years on the purchase and transport of diesel oil for electricity generation in Aunachal Pradesh and what revenue has been obtained to the Union Territory of Arunachal Pradesh; and

(b) what steps are being taken to replace generation of power by micro-hydel schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) The expenditure incurred during the last three financial years on the purchase and transport of diesel oil for electricity generation in Arunachal Pradesh and the revenue earned thereon is indicated below:

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Cost of diesel	Cost of transportation of diesel	Revenue from diesel generation
1982-83	25·84	2·58	7·11
1983-84	37·10	3·71	9·94
1984-85	40·82	4·082	11·29

(b) A number of mini/micro hydel schemes are already in operation and under construction. Proposal for setting up new mini hydel stations and augmenting the capacity of existing mini hydel stations are also being considered.

Refund of CD fund of Coal Mines Workers

2783. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the amount deposited to the Compulsory Deposit Fund by the workers in coal mines, were not refunded to them as was done in the case of workers in other industries as per Government decision and instead it was deposited to the coal mines provident fund account which bears lesser rate of interest, if so what are the reasons therefor;

(b) whether it is a fact that colliery workers who were affected by floods were given refund but same privilege was not accorded to those who are affected by drought;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Coalfield Labour Union of Jazarobagh area has submitted a memorandum to the Government for refund of the C.D. Fund particularly to the workers who are affected by drought, too; and

(d) if so, what steps Government have taken so far, if not, why not?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) It is a fact that the amount kept in the Compulsory Deposit Fund of the workers in coal mines has not been refunded to them because as per

statutory provision contained in the Additional Emoluments (Compulsory Deposit) Act, 1974, the amount under the compulsory deposit scheme has to be necessarily credited into the provident fund accounts of the employees. Once the amount has been so credited, it becomes a part of the Provident Fund account of the employees and fetches the same rate of interest which is admissible on Provident Fund deposits.

(b) It is a fact that premature repayment in cash was allowed, as a very special case, on grounds of extreme hardships to employees affected by devastating floods in 1978 as per Finance Ministry's O.M. No. F 1(12)|CD|78 of the 18th September, 1978. Finance Ministry's aforesaid O.M. does not appear to apply in cases of drought.

(c) and (d) A memorandum has recently been received from Coalfields Labour Union, Hazaribagh. The matter will be disposed of in accordance with the AE (CD) Act, 1974 and other relevant Government Orders framed thereunder.

On-shore drilling in Narasapur (Andhra Pradesh)

2784. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the ONGC has recently conducted on-shore drilling in the Narsapur area in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, what is the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): (a) and (b) ONGC have so far drilled four wells in Narsapur. Two of these which were drilled in the last two years showed presence of gas.

कोल इंडिया लिमिटेड में दुर्घटनाएं

2785. **श्री हुक्मदेव नारायण यादव :** क्या **ऊर्जा** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) कोल इंडिया लि० में कम्पनी-वार कितनी दुर्घटनाएं हुई है ;

(ख) उन दुर्घटनाओं में हताहत होने वालों की संख्या कितनी है तथा जो लापता है, उनकी संख्या कितनी है और उनको कितना मुआवजा दिया गया ; और

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि अभी तक उनमें से बहुत से व्यक्तियों को मुआवजे का भुगतान नही हुआ है यदि हां, तो कितनी राशि भुगतान के लिए अभी भी पड़ी हुई है ?

ऊर्जा मंत्री (श्री बसंत साठे) : (क) से (ग) वर्ष 1984 के दौरान कोल इंडिया लि० की सहायक कंपनियों में 116 घातक और 699 गंभीर दुर्घटनाएं हुई जिनमे 126 व्यक्तियों की मृत्यु हो गई और 736 गंभीर रूप से घायल हुए। कंपनी-वार आंकडे निम्नलिखित हैं :—

कंपनी	घातक दुर्घटनाएं	मौतें	गंभीर दुर्घटनाएं	गंभीर रूप से घायल व्यक्ति
ई०को०लि०	28	30	96	107
भा०को०को०लि०	28	28	174	186
से०को०लि०	20	26	60	65
वे०को०लि०	38	40	365	374
ना०ई०को०	2	2	4	4
जोड़	116	126	699	736